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1. WE FIND COMMUNIQUE ISSUED MARCH 12 AT CLOSE OF FOUR-DAY TALKS BETWEEN YUGOSLAV PREMIER BIJEDIC AND KUWAITI LEADERS INTERESTING FROM TWO ASPECTS. FIRST IS LANGUAGE IN COMMUNIQUE CONCERNING MUTUAL EFFORTS TO COORDINATE POSITIONS IN ORDER TO PRESERVE UNITY AMONG LDCS AS WELL AS REFERENCE TO DETAILED CONSIDERATIONS OF KUWAIT PROPOSED FUND FOR NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES. REFERENCE TO "SPECIAL ATTENTION" TO THOSE LDCS WORST HIT BY PRESENT INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SITUATION, INDICATES TO US THAT YUGOSLAVS ARE STILL ENERGETICALLY PURSUING EFFORTS TO BE "HONEST BROKER" BETWEEN ARAB OIL PRODUCERS AND LDC OIL CONSUMERS. WE ALSO EXPECT YUGOSLAVS TO

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PRODUCERS AND LDC OIL CONSUMERS. WE ALSO EXPECT YUGOSLAVS TO

PUSH SIMILAR THEME IN CURRENT BIJEDIC TALKS WITH LIBYANES.

2. SECONDINTERESTING ASPECT IS COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE ON
BILATERAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION. PARTICULARLY REFERENCE
TO AGREEMENT BY KUWAITIS TO ASSIST IN FINANCING PAN-ADRIA
PIPELINE ON GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT BASIS. PER REF B
THIS HAS BEEN MAJOR YUGOSLAV OBJECTIVE VIS A VIS KUWAIT SINCE AT LEAST

LAST FALL. AGREEMENT WITH KUWAITIS SHOULD HELP NAIL
DOWN THIS ESTIMATED \$350 MILLION PROJECT (REF C) AND
ENSURE THAT IT GOES FORWARD IN TIMELY MANNER.AMOUNT AND TERMS OF
KUWAITIFINANCING NOT YET KNOWN TO
US. IN RELATED MATTER, MAYOR OF KOPER TOLD CHARGE JANUARY 30
THAT SLOVENIANS SEEKING ARAB (POSSIBLY KUWAITI) JOINT VENTURE
FUNDING FOR SLOVENIAN OIL REFINERY.

3. HIGH LEVEL NATURE AND INTENSITY OF YUGOSLAV
INITIATIVES IN PREPARATION FOR UNGA EXTRAORDINARY SESSION
ARE ANOTHER CONFIRMATION OF OUR BELIEF THAT YUGOSLAVS
INTEND TO PLAY A PRINCIPAL ROLE IN THIS MEEITING, BASED
ON THEIR FIRM CREDENTIALS OF FRIENDSHIP WITH ARAB COUNTRIES AND
MANY LDC'S.
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